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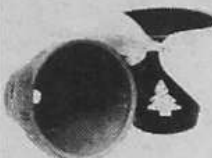
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## Pledging revamp nears final vote

**JODI MCFARLAND**  
campusbeat editor

The results of over 400 hours of interviews and extensive evaluation of the Greek pledging process will come to a vote before the Campus Life Board next Tuesday, with the fate of Greek organizations hanging in the balance.

The finished product of hours of deliberation by the board's Ad-Hoc Committee, the Restructured Pledging Program is now under deliberation by the full Board, and under scrutiny by all involved.

But the Greek alumni who met with Dean of Students Richard Frost Sunday and Monday night voiced concerns that it is difficult for those involved to speak up.

"I think there's also a sense that the Greeks are hesitant to be questioning, because they know the seriousness of it, but they are kind of caught," Frost told the Campus Life Board at its meeting yesterday.

*...There's a sense that the Greeks are hesitant to be questioning because they know the seriousness of it, but they are kind of caught.*  
—Richard Frost, Dean of Students

There are three possible outcomes for next week's vote: the proposal can be either approved unchanged, modified by the board and approved, or rejected. And according to Ad-Hoc Committee chair Janet Andersen, if it is rejected, there will be no pledging this spring. Yet those involved in the proposal are hopeful that this will not be an issue.

"I commend all of you who worked on it," Board member and education professor Ron Wolthuis told the Board yesterday. "It's an enormous amount of work. It's an awesome task and a very fine document."

In an effort to settle the proposal before students leave campus for winter break, the Board has accelerated its time frame.

"The original proposal said that the Campus Life Board will try to make its decision by Dec. 31, and we are trying to have it done before students leave so that they might know what to expect," said Board Chair Jim Allis, also a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

This sense of urgency reveals itself in some word confusion in the proposal itself that the Board will need to iron out, according to Andersen.

"A lot of work was done at the end, so I am under the assumption that there may be a number of mistakes that need to be made clear," she

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## Trashed again

► *Damages are at their worst this year in first floor men's Kollen Hall, but residents "learn to step over the mess."*

**JENN DORN**  
staff reporter

It looked like a tornado hit the men's first floor side of Kollen Hall as the chalky crumbly bits of 10 to 15 ceiling tiles lay smashed on the floor and ground into the teal carpeting this weekend.

The tiles were destroyed sometime during the night last Friday.

"We don't know who did this," said Tom Renner, director of Public Relations. "We do not even know if it was Hope students for sure."

While officials are unsure of the identity of the culprits, other residents of the hall have less confusion.

"It gets frustrating," said Brian Tucker ('98), first floor RA. "It's like vandalizing your own house. I don't see the point. I've tried to talk to the guys about it, but it hasn't stopped."

The destroyed tiles will be replaced, costing the College an estimated \$400.

This is the third time this semester that such an incident has occurred in the hall. A similar incident happened when residents deposited a gift of approximately 70 ceiling tiles outside the door of one of the first floor RA's. The residents replaced those tiles themselves.

Kollen received a complete makeover last year. The College funneled a cool \$5 million into the renovation, which included fresh paint and carpet for rooms and hallways.

Despite renovations, the vandalism did not let up.

"We had to re-paint the first floor men's hallway one month after it had been re-decorated. There was graffiti up and down the walls written in dry erase markers," said Lela Wilson, Kollen Hall custodial lead.

The vandalism and destruction has been increasing this semester, Wilson said. She said that for the past two months, the vandalism and conditions of first floor Kollen have been at their worst all year.

"All the partitions were taken out of the bathroom," Wilson said. "We clean toothpaste and shaving cream off the walls and carpet and we have to scrape it off the mirrors. There is food ground into the walls. We spent 45 minutes scrubbing writing off the walls and we are still not finished."

The decor is not the only thing that has taken a beating in Kollen; the smoke detectors also get torn down on occasion.

"It's a big safety hazard. Tearing down smoke detectors endangers the entire building," Wilson said.

The custodial staff was told by Resident Director Ellen Awad and Dean Frost not to clean up the disarray.

"We were told that if they want to live with the mess, to let them," said Wilson. "So when it gets bad, we just leave it. The students used to

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## Vespers brightens season

**HEATHER BOSCH**  
staff reporter

It takes a lot of effort to carry off a hallowed tradition.

Over 200 student musicians brought the magic of Christmas to the fore this weekend, but their work in creating the powerful spirit of Vespers is just one part of the collective efforts that bring the yearly tradition to life.

Behind the sparkling lights, scarlet poinsettias, and heavenly music that is Christmas Vespers, there is an unseen presence that brings the whole act together — hard work.

Choir, chorus and symphonette members start working on their pieces the first day of class.

Mark Van Soest ('97), a chapel choir mem-

ber, considers all the preparation worthwhile. Working 25 hours a week, he has found it somewhat difficult to balance time between his job, studies, and the large time commitment of Vespers.

"In the last two days I've gotten about five hours of sleep," he said. Yet the demands of preparation and the four-performance weekend of Vespers itself is pays for itself, he said. "It's worth it every year. Just to be able to participate in something like Vespers really makes everything worth it."

Elizabeth Wesselink ('98), a violinist in the Symphonette and a participant in Vespers last year as a choir member, is also enthusiastic about the event.

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# TRANSFERRITIS

Once some students switch colleges, they keep switching and switching and...

**JENN DORN**  
staff reporter

When students are unhappy with their learning environment, they have a couple of options they can choose from: staying where they are or transferring. But be forewarned. Transferring can be addictive.

It seems that for some transfers, it's hard to break the pattern, so they just keep on transferring.

Angee Kaukonen ('97) just transferred to Hope this past semester from Western Michigan University. Prior to Western, she attended a community college for a year. She plans to return to WMU after Christmas break.

"I decided to transfer because I wanted to try something different and try a smaller school," Kaukonen said. "But Hope and Holland are too small. Also, everyone here has been together for three years, so people already have their

groups of friends."

When students decide that they want to leave Hope, they have to fill out a withdrawal form, which ask the student their reasons for leaving. The student must fill out the form in order to get their deposit back.

"Students leave for a variety of reasons, ranging from academic to financial to personal reasons," said Associate Registrar Gloria Shay. "Some also leave because Hope does not have the major that they want. Most of the students leaving do say that they are transferring somewhere else."

Departments on campus try to identify students who are thinking about transferring to find out their reasons, but often that contact is made too late.

"We want to get feedback from the students about why they are leaving," Shay said. "If possible, we try to get them to Student Develop-

ment or Career Placement to try to make contact and talk to them. But by the time students have filled out the forms, they have pretty much made up their minds to leave and it becomes difficult to reach them."

"It was easier to transfer into Hope that it is to transfer back to Western because Hope is a lot smaller," Kaukonen said.

All in all, it takes two to three weeks to complete the entire transfer process into Hope.

"Transferring is a pretty easy process," said Jim Bekkering, vice-president of admissions. "The students have to submit the same materials as regular incoming freshman, with one exception; they also have to submit their college transcript."

Once the transcript is sent to the college, it goes to the Registrar. There, the transcript is reviewed to tell what courses will be accepted towards core and major credits.

"Most students coming in have transcripts where we accept virtually everything," said Shay.

Since most credits do transfer, the students transferring in are not set back too far academically.

"Hope accepted most of the classes that I took," said Jonathon Fly ('96), who just transferred to Hope this semester. "So I did not need to make up much core when I got here."

Hope is the fifth college that Fly has attended. He started out attending a community college, "but no one plans on staying at a junior college," he said.

From there he went on to attend three other four year colleges.

"I transferred from the other schools because I did not see anything there that I wanted to do. I didn't want to go to school just to earn a degree; I wanted to learn something."

In the summer of 1995, Fly got a scholarship to a ballet conference held here at the College. The conference lasted two weeks and Fly returned home to Texas. It was then that he decided that he wanted to attend Hope to study with the dance department.

"Within two weeks of calling Maxine (DeBruyn), the chairperson of the dance department, and I was on the plane to Michigan," Fly said. "I need to graduate in two years and Hope was willing to work with me on that."

So Fly is here to stay.

"Most students who transfer to Hope, stick with Hope," Bekkering said. "A lot of the students look at Hope when they are in high school and then choose to go elsewhere. Then they discover that it is a different experience than what they expected and realize that Hope is where they should be."

## Hope's student hosts give prospectives perspective

**MICHELLE PIEL**  
staff reporter

Hope students who host prospective students enjoy their job for reasons that extend beyond the money.

Though the job of being a host is a paid position, students enjoy sharing about life at Hope with their prospectives because they are proud of their school.

"The money is nice," said Jeanette Petkins ('98). "But what I enjoy most about being a host is making sure that I answer questions my prospectives have about the college and sharing with them all of the activities available on and off campus."

Students make a semester-long commitment to the program for hosting prospectives. Most prospectives stay overnight on a Thursday or Friday. A weekly meeting informs the host when they will be having a prospective stay in their room.

The prospective arrives at the admissions office at 4 p.m. where the host picks them up. From there, it is the responsibility of the host to bring the prospective to dinner and spend the evening with them. During the day the prospectives have their own itinerary from admissions, so the host doesn't have to worry about entertaining them

throughout the entire day.

Students who host prospectives are paid \$400 for the semester. If roommates decide to take on the job together they are each paid \$200. Not bad money for working only once every week or two.

Hosting prospectives with a roommate works well for some. Renee Saar ('98) and her roommate Jamie Williams ('98) share the job of hosting prospective Hope students.

"It's easier working with my roommate because we each spend time with the prospective," said Saar. "If one of us has plans or homework than the other does the entertaining," added Williams.

"It's great because we're both excited about being Hope students and we enjoy sharing this with other students who are considering our school."

"It's a great job to put on your resume. It would show to an employer that you are a great representative of Hope which could carry over to being a good representative of your future job. Being a host also improves your interpersonal skills," said Barb Muller from Admissions.

The Admissions office is currently looking for outgoing, flexible students who would consider committing to hosting prospective Hope students next semester. Call 7850 if interested.

**KOLLEN from I**

be billed for the damages, but that did not teach them not to vandalize again. It is more successful to leave the mess and when they tired of living like that, they clean it up for themselves."

In the most recent case involving the ceiling tiles "several residents asked us for brooms and shovels so that they could clean it up," Wilson said.

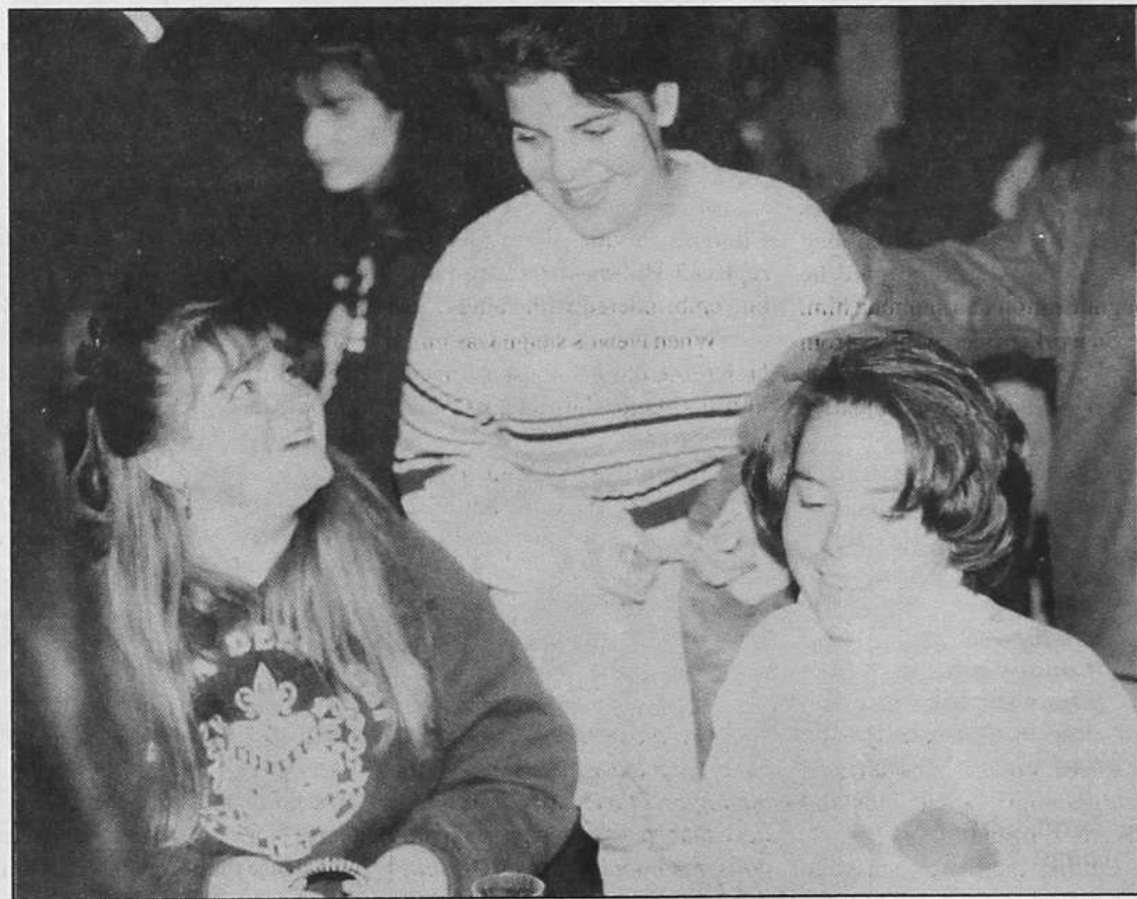
"Normally it's the RA's who end up cleaning it up, but this time when

I came home, some guys were cleaning it up, which was nice," Tucker said.

The residents of first floor Kollen have grown accustomed to the condition of their home.

"Some nasty stuff goes on here," said Adam Laughlin ('98). "Eventually, you get used to it and learn to just step over the mess."

The College is currently investigating the most recent vandalism, but no charges have been filed.



Anchor photo by Jill Fischer

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** Sorority members and independents united to make Christmas crafts and cheery chatter at Monday's Sorority Open House in the Kletz. From left: Mercedes Mervenne ('98), Stephanie Haggard ('98), Allison Etheridge ('97).

**VESPERS from I**

year as a choir member, is also enthusiastic about the event.

"I love it," she said. "It's a lot of hard work, but a lot of fun."

Not as visible as the performers are the people who literally set up the service—the custodial staff. Custodians unite to set up the event, literally rolling out the red carpet and turning the chapel into a Christmas wonderland of lights, beribboned trees and wreaths.

And their hard work doesn't go unrecognized. James Morrow, choir director, and Stuart Sharp, vocal music instructor of the music department, had eggs and good conversation with the custodial staff on the Saturday morning of the first performance. This is the twentieth year that faculty have been treating the custodians to breakfast "to show

appreciation for their sacrifice of a weekend," Sharp said.

Every contributor to Vespers is vital to the smooth outcome of the event. Morrow, choir director of Vespers for the past two years, agrees.

"The individual energy that is expended on Vespers is remarkable," he said. "Each participant's commitment is significant in that it is given to a collective effort which becomes truly transcendent. This, to me, is one of the most touching and profound aspects of Vespers."

An event with a deep sense of history and tradition, the first Christmas Vespers was held Dec. 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was bombed. Since then, Vespers has grown immensely.

Today, there are four Vespers ser-

vices in a two-day span. About 4,000 tickets to the performances are sold each year. PBS records and broadcasts the program nationally.

A full recording of the event is available on CD, cassette, and video. These can be ordered or bought through the bookstore.

"We probably sell 250 to 300 CDs per year," said Mark Cook, Hope-Geneva Bookstore director.

But media attention is just a detail compared to the powerful service itself, made up of "great traditions mixed with new music," said Robert Ritsema, director of the Symphonette.

"I think this is a marvelous event with a tremendous history and great sense of tradition," Morrow said. "I am thrilled to be a part of it."





## THE NEWT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Jim Riekse

*I haven't had the good fortune of late to be able to attack the character and good sense of our beloved Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. Since I am headed to Washington, D.C. next semester, to bask in his greatness on a more intimate level, I thought I would use my last column to enhance the myth of this great Georgian. Since Christmas is quickly approaching, I thought I would express my sentiments in holiday verse.*

Twas the night before Christmas and Congress was mute, not a creature was stirring, except for a Newt.

Everyone was sent home, the government closed. Did that torture Newt's dreams? No, he happily dozed.

They wouldn't return without a budget decision, but Newt was not helping, in his heart was derision.

The "King of the Land," he thought the nation had dubbed him, but on Air Force One he thought Clinton had snubbed him.

So workers were jobless from New York to Otsego, because Clinton had hurt Newt's sensitive ego.

Newt laughed at his desk as he cut spending galore, his favorite target: the old and the poor.

On Christmas Eve, in form very rare, Newt squealed with glee as he axed Medicare.

"The seniors can take it," said a lobbyist group, "Let them eat bread at the kitchen of soup."

Education and trees suffered much berating, "Smart kids and birds are so irritating."

Cutting the safety net gave Newt such a lift, that he decided to cut other middle class gifts.

He dressed up like Santa, a clever disguise, so that his identity, no one could surmise.

He hopped in his sleigh, which was stocked to the hilt, a gift those nice stealth bomber people had built.

Off he flew, the ol' Gingrich, through the cold winter air, to take things from those who had little to spare.

Down the chimney he'd slide and then slink to the tree, stealing the toys so the rich could buy bribe.

The dolls and puppies, into his bag were tossed, he stole some suspenders that were wrapped for Dean Frost.

He drank all the egg nog, which made him quite silly, but found that his cheeks did not get as chilly.

From roof top to roof top, Newt went quicker and quicker—though Kennedy's took awhile—his bag full with liquor.

He pulled pranks on the Clinton's, this man was a stich, he replaced Hillary's stocking with one embroidered with "bitch."

When Newt's sleigh was full, he returned to his house, slipped into his night shirt silently as a mouse.

He crept to his bed to get needed sleep, thankful his wife married such a creep.

Between the rich and the poor, he will increase the gap, and he now settled down for a long winter's nap.

*For those Newties whom I have offended with this poem, I apologize. Obviously, I don't believe that Newt would really steal dolls and puppies from little children. It is just that the premise fills me with such glee, that if I toned my words down, it just wouldn't be me.*

Merry Christmas!

# Terminal Anxiety

## Crashing computers leave students wired

JIM RIEKSE  
infocus editor

Pick any table in the Kletz and mention computers, and you are besieged by tales of Mac lab melancholy.

A glitch in a save caused Peter Poel ('98) to lose hours of work, a system error swallowed Melinda Tuinstra's ('98) five-page paper and Paul Kurdziel ('96) waited at CIT for half an hour to get a question answered.

Their stories are not at all uncommon, as Hope has seen a rise of computer errors and increased usage, but CIT believes that the worst is over as they race to meet demand.

Last Thursday, Hope's VAX system suffered a system error, unceremoniously ending students' e-mail sessions. The VAX, which a layman might consider a phone line to computers all over the world, allows students to communicate over the Internet and access the World Wide Web.

Fortunately, the VAX rarely crashes, according to Carl Heideman, head of CIT. Unfortunately, Hope's file server, which is much more important for the College's computing health, has seen more than its fair share of woes lately.

The file server, which runs such Hope favorites as WordPerfect, has been less than reliable this year. It crashed ten times early in the semester and again for an hour last Wednesday. The worst instance was November 7, when Hope labs were rendered inoperable for over eight hours, the realization of a procrastinator's worst nightmare. Not only were students unable to use the computers, anything they had not saved at the time of the crash vanished before their harried eyes. Such file server crashes are "Devastating, absolutely the worst to lose," according to Heideman.

Heideman blames this year's influx of problems on a number of variables. "We've had hardware and software problems, but the main factor is that computer usage is double the rate from last year," Heideman said. "We try to buy enough performance to keep up with the demand, but usage has increased at a nonlinear rate. We knew it would go up, but not this much."

New computers that were supposed to unburden computer stress have actually added to the dilemma. "We replaced 62 pcs with Pentiums, but they arrived in late August, so we've been backlogged."

Already buried in requests, CIT is also operating short staffed, especially lacking student staffers to work the night shifts in the computer labs. "Students must be too rich these days, because no one is applying," Heideman said. "I've got money to pay if anyone is interested."

The College has experienced a number of computer thefts, but they are not seen as a contributing factor to computer problems. "The thefts were not a huge setback, more of an annoyance," Heideman said. "To me the worst thing is that the faculty lost all their data."

The faculty are not fond of losing their data either, or experiencing a hassle to get to it. Many Hope professors expect their programs to run smoothly and are upset by the delays and errors they encounter. "They bring things in and ask if



they'll run,"

Heideman said.

"We respond that they will but there will be problems. The faculty say that is o.k. until they actually experience the problems."

Many believe that an easy solution is just a few dollars away, but Heideman fights this assumption.

"People believe that technology is cheap, free and accessible," Heideman said. "This is not the case. We spent \$200,000 this summer and are talking about things that could easily run up to \$1 million."

Money is already being spent to improve the situation for next semester. An e-mail message from Tom Renner, director of public relations, details how the College will

be "replacing Hope's VAX's with a single, faster system on December 16." The College will also

**People believe that technology is cheap, free and accesible. This is not the case.**

—Carl Heideman

be installing file servers with more capacity to prevent crashes.

The administration is also addressing staffing problems.

"We are aware of how short they are on service personnel and are working on it," Bill Anderson, vice president of business and finance, said. "They are not, however, the only department on campus short of staff."

With the changes, Heideman sees a smoother semester ahead.

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## Campus Pulse

When asked their feelings about the state of computing technology at the College, Hope students said...



"Everytime I'm in there, it seems like the computers are crashing. It always happens just before I save and I lose half of my stuff. I can't stand that..."

—Vicki Duff ('97)



"The computer system at Hope is adequate, however, it is failure prone and not fair for a student body who spends \$17,000 a year to use it..."

—Aaron Frank ('97)



"It is very frustrating as a student trying to get things done, when the only thing holding you back is a computer that is down."

—Michelle Mojzak ('96)



"Maybe they could limit the social use of computers. Whenever I come in to write a paper, the computers are filled with people laughing and giggling on e-mail."

—Chris Wirth ('96)



"I've had real problems, especially because I commute. It is a real pain in the neck if I come in and the computers don't work, which seems like all the time"

—Lisa Bos ('97)



## our voice.

## A pledge to reform

All the pleasure, none of the pain.

That's what the Ad-Hoc Committee's Restructured Pledging Program proposal portends to enforce if passed by the Campus Life Board Tuesday.

For the good of both independents and Greeks alike, let's hope the Board takes their advice.

Six years ago, the Hope College pledging program was reworked. The theme in the discussion was the need to eliminate hazing and liability to the College. The Greek Judicial Board was instructed to crack down on organizations who violated hazing rules. Organizations said they'd comply with the new set of rules.

Everyone thought that would solve the problem.

Not so. Reform was slow in coming. No matter how well-intentioned individuals were within the organizations, group-think and a belief in tradition often persuaded Greeks to continue their practices.

The Hope community was still so disturbed by the impact of pledging, the Ad-Hoc Committee stepped in this year, as a big brother helping to guide fraternities and sororities. They mean business.

The 1995 proposal is chocked full of specifics in regards to what is allowed during pledging and what is outlawed. It forces Greeks to keep their promises through tough enforcement policies and incentive programs. Better yet, the plan includes the option for individual organizations to retool and refine their programs every year, allowing Greeks to add or subtract various aspects.

While many Greeks may be wary of the elimination of some long-lived traditions, the mandates suggested by the Ad-Hoc Committee are in the name of the humane, respectful treatment of all in the Hope College community and ensures the protection of pledges from physical and emotional abuses.

Hope's Greek life, while only twenty percent of the student body, deeply enriches the College community. It provides a venue for students to utilize their leadership skills, complete outreach projects and develop a close-knit posse of peers. Greeks are R.A.s, athletes and members of College theater productions. They're down the hall in your dorm and in your lab group.

What affects Greeks, in one way or another, for better or for worse, affects the rest of us. Improving the pledging process can only improve the environment here at Hope for Greeks and independents.

## meet the press.

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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...

## Staffers say goodbye

The political junkie, the bilingual chef and the melancholy poet.

Together they have helped create one of the most successful, well-respected newspapers ever to be published at Hope College.

One cracked open a story about dilapidated college housing, another investigated the medical risks of participating in Pull, the third crafted a retro-clothing spread that made catalog editors at J. Crew weep.

All in a week's work, thank you.

For Jim Riekse, InFocus editor, Jodi McFarland, CampusBeat editor and Sufjan Stevens, Intermission editor, college journalism isn't a hobby. It's a way of life.

For the past year and a half editing for *The Anchor* has meant scouting for stories every day, every minute, canceling plans at the panicked call of a staff reporter, working the red-eye shift Monday and Tuesday night only to realize professors aren't all that overly appreciative of the art of newspapering when it means compromising their classes.

It's no wonder we're going to miss them next semester.

Jim leaves us for the nation's capitol where he plans to intern for Pat Schroeder and attempt to inject the District of Columbia with a dose of old-fashioned, big-hearted liberalism. Though he says this is the end of his career at *The Anchor*, the self-proclaimed somewhat-centrist admits he'll be tempted to return if we promise to provide him with a steady supply of day-old pizza and Coke.

Jodi, a double-major in both Communication and Spanish, flies to Madrid this January, where she will study at the Institute of European Studies. She's signed on the dotted line and is in for the long haul with *The Anchor*—and a career in print journalism. Be waiting to see her by-line again in the fall of 1996.

Sufjan has decided to leave his posi-



Julie Blair

tion at *The Anchor* for that of Editor-In-Chief of *Moxie*, an independent Suf-inspired weekly alternative art magazine featuring student fiction, poetry, features and even a sex-doctor page. But old loyalties hold strong. He says he'll freelance design concepts for us.

We here at *The Anchor* are going to miss them all, not only for their newspapering talents, but also as cherished friends.

There are those people who give 100% in life and those who give 120%. Jim Riekse, Jodi McFarland and Sufjan Stevens are the latter.

Thank you for your vision and dedication to quality college journalism. We wish you all the best.

## your voice.

## Student requests weekend hours for Kletz

Dear Editor,

I realize the fact that due to the time factor and the various activities that you are dealing with on a daily basis, you have limited time on your agenda for petty matters. Therefore, I have only one thing that I would like to highlight in this letter of complaint.

On weekends, Hope College students have limited space to socialize, because the Kletz closes early or does not open

at all on Saturdays. I believe that this cafeteria was built basically for students but the way it operates on weekends is not acceptable at all to students. For instance, if one wants to buy a pop or even one slice of pizza on a Saturday, one has to go off campus. This leads me to wonder why is it that we have a cafeteria within our school boundaries at all, if it's not open when we need it.

Could you please try to negotiate

with the Kletz management to extend the service hours to midnight daily? I don't think midnight closure everyday will cause any harm to any one; instead both the company and the students at large will benefit. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Lunga

## 'Can Man' thanks Hope for fundraising help

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take the time to thank those of you who have helped make a honeymoon to Jamaica a reality for Chris and me. Since the first semester of last year, you have contributed approximately \$1,400 towards the honeymoon to Jamaica. I'm very thankful for your per-

sistence and generosity throughout the past three semesters.

The Lord has blessed me with an incredible woman, and it's because of Hope's students, faculty, and staff that the dream to go to Jamaica is now a reality. We've been able to collect 6,000 pop cans this semester with only about

1,000 cans to go during the next two weeks. Thank you for all of your support and prayers as I prepare to leave Hope College and make a life long commitment to Chris.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Parker ('96)  
A.K.A. The Can Man

## Government loan quote questioned

Dear Editor,

In the recent edition of *The Anchor*, my so called quote was in the section about student loans. I felt that the quote was not fair, because it didn't mean what I said at all. I was asked some questions by a few people on *The Anchor* staff, and I answered them. I was informed with information pertaining to the fact the low interest government loans could possibly no longer be obtained by students. And this would

cause only the rich and those who could afford it to be entitled to go to school. My quote said, "Loans have no affect on me, but I think loans should be easy to get because everyone should be entitled to an education, not just the rich." This is sort of what I said, but the wording makes me sound like a rich snob. I would never ever make a quote like this one. Also, a small detail was missed in the beginning, I said government loans don't affect me. I happen to be fortunate

to have grandparents who are willing to help me out with college. By living at home, it works out so I don't have to borrow from the government's loan system. Please be more careful next time with details, and if you would, please make a note of this in the next edition of *The Anchor* so everyone I know doesn't think I'm a rich brat.

Sincerely,  
Scott Voshel ('98)

## Poet gives admissions advice

Dear Editor,

Once upon a midnight dreary,  
While we registered, weak and weary,  
There came a hanging on the closed board  
Quoth the registrar, "Nevermore!"

I have registered. I stood in line for thirty minutes. I patiently changed my section numbers and watched while others struggled to find new classes. I took everything in stride. I thanked the person from the registrar's office for their help, grabbed a cookie from the nicely decorated table and went back to my room. Wait a second, something's wrong here. This is Hope, right? The small (growing) four-year (more like five) Christian (debatable) liberal arts (I'll give you that) college? One of the main reasons I came here was for small classes and a promise that I'd be out in four years because "we don't face the

registration problems of larger schools." And CORE classes are closing. Want a business or ed class for your major? I'd recommend an art class. Of course then the art majors can't get the classes they want. It's a vicious circle. What a bad registrar's office. But wait, I would say that the registrar is doing a great job with the amount of students coming through.

WAKE UP ADMISSIONS! The more people you let in, the more classes crowd, the more classes close. But, hey, who cares? We're getting another 18,000 dollars. I see two options in the future. One is double the college. I mean buildings, profs, living spaces and probably tuition. Or we could impose a limit on the numbers that we let into the college. Oh no, anything but that. Don't DENY anyone admission, especially if they're willing to shell out the big bucks. I think Admissions is in de-

nial. Pretty soon I'll be taking "English for Non-Native Speakers," because it'll be the only one open. The college needs to think about its priorities. Do Hope's students come first or do prestige and money occupy the first spot? In keeping with the Christian spirit of Hope College I would hope our administrators would choose the student over prestige and money. If you build a college geared to the student, your prestige will grow and grateful alumni will put money back into a college which gave them so much and cared for them. Does Hope fit that bill?

Once upon a midnight dreary  
While we studied weak and weary,  
Came a rapping at our doors,  
Quoth the admissions officer, "MORE!"

Sincerely,  
Kevin J. Burgun ('98)



## Pledging proposal revamps the system

**Dear Editor,**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our excitement about the changes that are occurring throughout the Greek population. As a small sorority, the process of taking on new members in the spring of 1996 is essential. Without the pledging process this spring, our sorority is in danger of extinction. Many of Alpha Gamma Phi's members are seniors and will be graduating in May of 1996. The loss of these members without continued growth this year would leave few actives to carry on the traditions we hold and cherish as a sorority.

The work on the Ad-Hoc committee this fall is the beginning of many needed innovations throughout Hope's Greek pledging programs. We commend both the college and students' movement to eliminate hazing,

form a stronger emphasis on academics amongst Greeks, strengthen relationships between Greeks and faculty and recognizing the Greeks as individuals who contribute positively to the Hope community.

We need the support of the student body and faculty in order to pass the Ad-Hoc proposal, which would enable us to implement these changes that we view as positive for everyone involved.

We would like to thank the Campus Life Board, faculty and the Ad-Hoc committee for their time, understanding, and commitment to these changes. We hope with the passing of the Ad-Hoc proposal that the pledging process in the Spring of 1996 can be a positive event for actives, pledges and the Hope community as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Alpha Gamma Phi

**Dear Editor,**

The Kappa Delta Chi Sorority would like to bring to your attention that our organization supports the Restructured Pledging Program recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on pledging.

We feel that each sorority and fraternity was well represented and that we were well informed as everyone had the opportunity to be. We believe that each organization's representative, working with the faculty and administration of Hope College, created a positive restructured pledging program. We also think that with the implementation of many of the aspects from this proposal it will continue to aid the development of a positive Kappa Delta Chi greek experience.

Sincerely,  
The Kappa Delta Chi Sorority

**Dear Editor,**

Much attention has been focused lately on pledging activities and the Greek system in general. Representatives of each fraternity and sorority, along with faculty and administration members, were selected to serve on the Campus Life Board's ad hoc committee to revise pledging. Through many hours of hard work and dedication, they have come up with a new pledging proposal to come before the Campus Life Board for review in coming days.

Over the past several months, members of our organization have taken a hard look at pledging and have recognized the need for change. Internally, we have formed our own Pledging Revision Committee in order to more closely scrutinize events and make changes that will fit into the newly proposed guidelines. This committee

has been working diligently to reform our own pledging process.

We would like to take this opportunity to voice our support for this proposal and our hope for its approval. It is in our opinion that the new pledging guidelines effectively meet the goals of eliminating hazing at Hope College while still allowing the possibility of maintaining essential traditional aspects pertaining to each sorority and fraternity. We hope to see new ideas and great energy behind them, coming from all Greek participants, in the Spring of 1996.

Sincerely,  
Sigma Sigma Sorority 1st and 2nd Term Executive Boards:  
Kelley Raymond ('96), Monika Zwart ('96), Danielle Hays ('97), Alicia Fortino ('97), Jodi Barstow ('96), Rebecca VanDyke ('96) and Jennifer T. Hoeksema ('96)

**Dear Editor,**

Much discussion and work has been completed in the past few months on the pledging proposal developed by the Ad-Hoc committee and Campus Life Board. This proposal is to be voted on Tuesday, December 12. Upon reading the proposal and hearing the opinions of the Greek organizations at a meeting Sunday night, I am completely convinced that new pledging practices will begin if these ideas are enacted. The proposal has generated much support from the Greek community and the changes will be implemented into their pledging programs if the proposal is put into action. But the question remains as to whether this proposal will pass.

Obvious and deliberate action has been taken to ameliorate the concerns of the Campus Life Board. Twelve members of Hope's sororities and fraternities have spent the past two months considering, discussing, and

changing every questionable aspect of the pledging process. Members of the faculty have dedicated time in advising and contributing to this committee. Each Greek organization also has a pledging committee working to create new programs to meet the standards generated by the proposal.

However, all this work will have been done in vain if the proposal is not passed next week. It has been suggested that a change in attitudes within the Greek system has not been sufficiently apparent. I believe that the revisions in this proposal will be effective in changing past practices and perspectives. If the proposal is not put into action, how can it be determined if it or any other plan will accomplish the goal to reform pledging?

Greek organizations are very meaningful and valuable to their members. Fraternities and sororities are rooted in pride and tradition. Greek organizations are often perceived as being simply a

social institution. But a different story would be told by the thousands of alumni and students who have been a part of Greek life over the past 131 years. For many, Greek life has offered opportunities for lasting friendship, service and involvement on Hope's campus and in the surrounding community.

Many people don't realize the contributions made by these students and the enormous disappointment that will be felt by the loss of introducing new members into the organizations. We all hope that we will have the opportunity to carry out our new programs and continue our sororities and fraternities. All we need is the same trust and support from the Campus Life Board and faculty that we have in the proposal and our organizations.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Grieme ('98)  
The Dorian Sorority

**Dear Editor,**

I am writing this article in regard to the 1996 Ad-Hoc Committee Pledging Proposal. As a member of the Committee, I have witnessed many changes which have taken place during the restructuring process. The Committee was comprised of members of the faculty, administration, and students of the various Greek organizations. We all used our individual ideas and values to create an extraordinary proposal. The proposal not only restructures pledging, but it also suggests a universal mGreek program. This proposal is a very positive one, and, if it is passed, I feel will tremendously strengthen the Greek community as a whole. For this reason, I back the proposal 100% and am excited to try it.

Sincerely,  
Todd Hornsby ('98)  
Greek member of the Ad-Hoc Committee

**Dear Editor,**

We, the Sigma Iota Beta Sorority, would like to express our sincere thanks for all the time and hard work that has been put into the restructuring of the pledging program by the Ad Hoc Committee. Our sorority is one hundred percent in support of the proposal that is being submitted to the Campus Life Board. Our hopes are high that they will back it as well.

The pledging process is a crucial part of our sorority, as it is to all of the other Greek organizations. We realize that there are some changes that must take place for this process to continue, but are willing to accept the changes that this new proposal poses. Greek life has offered many opportunities at Hope College, and we would like to see Greek life continue for all of the sororities and fraternities for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
The Sigma Iota Beta Sorority

**Dear Editor,**

We, the members of the Centurian Fraternity, recognizing the dedication and time put forth by the Ad-Hoc Committee in formulating the restructured pledging program, would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the proposal, in addition to our appreciation of the effort expended.

Throughout this process, members of our organization have been well informed via our Ad-Hoc representative. We find that the representation Greeks have in the process is integral to the formulation of an equitable proposal. This, in conjunction with the intelligent thought put into the proposal, leads us to formally express our support of the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc committee.

Sincerely,  
The Centurian Fraternity

**Dear Editor,**

We, the members of the Emersonian Fraternity, are writing this letter in regards to the 1996 AD-HOC pledging proposal. After months of hard work, we believe the AD-HOC committee has come up with an outstanding proposal. We Emersonians are doing everything we can to comply with the proposal. We feel the proposed changes are very positive and will strengthen not only our pledging program, but our fraternity as a whole. We are excited about the opportunity to implement this proposal into our pledging program. Once again, the Emersonian Fraternity is in agreement with the AD-HOC committee's 1996 pledging proposal one hundred percent.

Sincerely,  
The Emersonian Fraternity

**Dear Editor,**

The actions of the Campus Life Board regarding the nearly complete restructuring of pledging has caused our organization, as a group and as individuals, to seriously reconsider the methods and goals of our pledging program we have discovered that our same goals can be reached through different methods. The nature of our brotherhood does not rest on maltreatment; thus, we feel that any aspect of our initiation program containing such behavior is unnecessary for attaining our goals. We fully support the ad-hoc committee's proposal, and thank everyone involved for the work they have done.

Matthew J. Fouts ('96)  
Corresponding Secretary  
Knickerbocker Society

**Dear Editor,**

Speaking on behalf of the entire Arcadian Fraternity, I would like to declare that we, as a proud organization of Hope College, agree with all of the stipulations set forth in the ADHOC proposal and would like to assist in any way possible to further the betterment of this university and its Greek affiliates. With undivided consensus among this organization's members, we are prepared to work with any further proposals and/or recommendations that are set forth. As the Arcadian constitution states, "We will obey all established college regulations and enforce whatever others might be passed as a result of recognized democratic process." For many years, Arcadians have chanted this statement with pride. We are no different and are willing to do anything possible to continue our fine tradition. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Peter Liechty ('97)  
Arcadian Corresponding Secretary

**Dear Editor,**

As representatives of the Greek organizations, Pan Hellenic Council and Inter Fraternity Council wish to express the support of the Greek community for the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on pledging. If approved, we believe that the recommended changes will make pledging a more positive and gratifying experience for everyone involved. The suggested changes would make it possible for the Greek organizations to implement the finest pledging programs we have ever had.

In addition, we would like to acknowledge and thank those who dedi-

cated their time and effort to such a laborious and momentous project. We are indebted to the faculty and administration who took time and energy away from their families and classes and to the 12 students who sacrificed many hours for this effort. In particular, we wish to recognize Professor Andersen and Professor Allis for their commitment to this process. Because this was a joint effort of the faculty, administration and Greeks, we believe that this is the most effective compromise and the best possible proposal.

Sincerely,  
IFC and Pan Hellenic Council

**Dear Editor,**

After reviewing the new pledging proposal that has been drawn up by the Ad Hoc Committee we feel it is reasonable and do support it. We will act in the best interests of the school and the proposal to make pledging run smoothly as possible.

Sincerely,  
The Fraternal Society

**Dear Editor,**

The Delta Phi Sorority is in support of the Ad-Hoc Committee's proposal. We would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have put a considerable amount of time and effort towards this project.

Sincerely,  
Otencia Ruiz, President  
Joy M. Black, Vice President  
The Delta Phi Sorority

### PLEDGING from I

said.

Allis said that he is hopeful about the upcoming vote.

"The Greeks have done a great deal of work, and Ad Hoc Committee has as well," he said.

Greeks, who have been holding meetings as individual organizations and under the Pan Hellenic and InterFraternity Councils since the final proposal was released Friday night, will have a chance to ask questions and discuss the proposal at an open meeting hosted by the Campus Life Board tomorrow, Thursday, at 11 a.m. in the Herrick Room of the DeWitt Center.

Yet even if the proposal is voted in, it will still be subject to the College's system of checks and balances. It could be vetoed by President Jacobson or called for review by either the faculty or the Board of Directors.

"If the Campus Life Board votes it, then that policy takes effect, unless one of those other checks takes place," Allis said.

According to Allis, the proposal addresses four major areas: defining hazing and spelling out the activities that count as hazing, developing a relationship statement that describes what the College expects from Greeks and vice versa, naming the parameters of a new pledging structure, and providing provisions on how the changes will be supervised, monitored and enforced.

According to the proposal, hazing includes, but is not limited to, "padding in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities; wearing apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; late work sessions which interfere with scholastic activities; branding; and the pouring of substances on the body."

This list was created after surveying hazing activity nationwide, and does not necessarily reflect offenses discovered during the interview process.

As a part of the changing guidelines, the length of time for pledging will in-

crease from two weeks and three weekends to three weeks and four weekends. Rationale for this lengthening is that it will work in conjunction with a decrease in the number of hours per week allotted in the pledging program.

Pledging programs cannot exceed 25 hours per week, a number reached after consulting a national study regarding the number of hours a student-athlete could have athletic practices and games before they became a detriment to their academic performance, and a study by the Frost Center that reviewed how Hope students spend their time.

"Those studies are median hours, which means some people spend those hours and do well," Andersen said.

Each Greek organization must submit for approval every year their pledging program to Greek Coordinator Shelly Spencer and Anne Bakker-Gras, Director of Student Activities.

Other proposed changes on the docket include a flag warning system to rate the conduct of Greek organizations. When an organization gets a red flag, it's crossed the line of what is acceptable. Flags will stay on the fraternity or sorority's record for a year, and will be considered when the organization seeks approval for its pledging program the next year.

The proposal also calls for the addition of the position of student chaplain for each Greek organization.

Other proposed changes include a 2.5 GPA for the semester preceding serving a term as an officer of the Greek organization.

"Prior to this there has been no GPA requirement to be an officer," Frost said. To remain active, members must have a 2.0 GPA. Fraternities and sororities with the highest GPA's will receive positive recognition from the College.

"It's very easy to find the things that Greek organizations don't do well," Wolthuis said. "We sometimes don't hear as much what they do do well."

The Campus Life Board will vote on the proposal at its Tuesday, Dec. 11, meeting, to be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Barber Room, Phelps Hall.

—Anchor editor-in-chief Julie Blair contributed to this report.



# Gifts from the heart

taking time during the hussle and bussle to show you care

## The list goes on

**AMY HALVERSON**  
spotlight editor

Mom. Dad. Brothers. Sisters. Grandfather. Grandmother. Roommates. Best friends. Sorority sisters. Fernity brothers. Boyfriends. Girlfriends...the list goes on and on.

We at *the Anchor* tried to start our "to buy for others" Christmas list and it never seemed to stop.

Names kept popping up when we thought the list was done. Oh, forgot Aunt Judy and Uncle Tom. Godmother. Godfather. Professors. Academic Advisors. RA's. RD's. The list starting getting out of control with all the gift we wanted to give.

Just as the list goes on so does the use of Master Cards, American Expresses and other forms of payments.

Definitively not looking forward to January when we receive the statements...another \$600 down. Time to start paying it off. So much time spent choosing the perfect gift and even more spent trying to pay for them.

This year, we are challenging ourselves to stay budgeted. Yes, budgeted! And being among fellow starving college students we know for a fact we're not the only ones strapped for money.

To help spark your creative side and spent time making gifts rather than spending large sums of money, we've jotted down a few ideas that speak from the heart.

Your creation can be an elaborate gifts or a simple trinkets. All that matters is what you want to share. Start out with a trusty glue gun, a sharp pair of scissors, a stack of colored paper, plethora of markers, an open mind, and start creating. Who know, you might end up with enough money to treat yourself.



## Just write it

**cost:** \$5 to \$10

**supplies:** blank books, fabric, ribbon, and hot glue gun

**creation:** Cover outer flaps of book with fabric and ribbon. Take first couple of pages and fill with pictures and a nice letter of encouragement.

**visit:** Big Lots, 8th Street Bookstore, and Jo-Ann Fabrics.

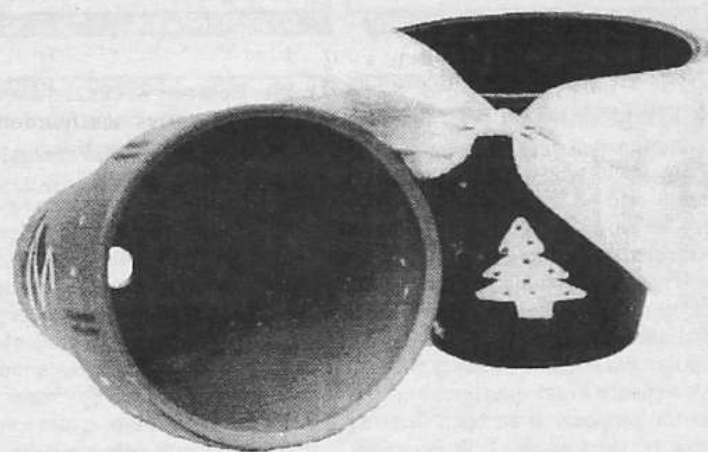
## 99 Bottles of Love on the Wall

**cost** \$5

**supplies:** various glass bottles in all shapes and sizes, paints, paint pens, and ribbons

**creation:** Cover bottles with paint creating intricate scenes or an artistic creation. Tie ribbons around neck of bottle to add more personality.

**visit:** Big Lots, Dollar Store



## Can't contain the Joy

**cost:** \$3.50

**supplies:** clay pot, acrylic paints, paint brushes, stickers, paint pens, ribbons

**creation:** Paint clay pots acrylic paints, creating a treat that reflects true character. Wait for paint to dry. Use sticker, ribbons, and paint pens to add character to the pots.

**visit:** Franks Nursery and Crafts

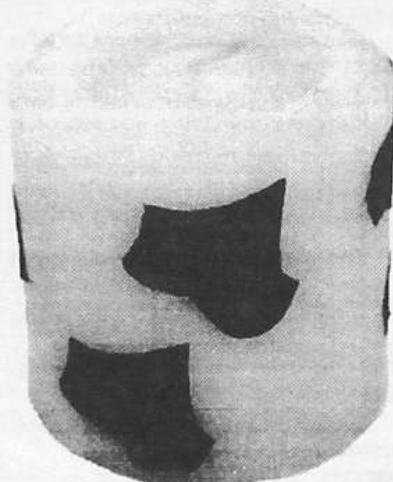
## Burning for you

**cost** \$5 to \$10

**supplies:** candles, silk flowers, ribbons, and glue gun

**creation:** glue silk flowers and ribbons on candles. Decorate to match room decor or parallel certain personalities.

**visit:** Big Lots, Dollar Store





# Year-round Yuletide giving

**making Christmas last 365 days a year**

by Amy-Lynn Halverson & Kim Powell  
Spotlight Editor & Staff Reporter



**FROM THE HIP**  
Amy-Lynn Halverson

## A time to give

Christmas is a time of giving and taking. And taking. And taking.

When I was a child presents seemed endless. Huge boxes with shiny gold paper and bright red bows flooded the living room. Santa treated me very well.

But somewhere among the torn paper and ripped boxes I lost the true meaning of Christmas.

At the young age of ten, Christmas was taking. Taking money. Taking candies. Taking toys. Taking anything giving to me.

Each Christmas millions of Americans take gifts and forget to give.

Sure they throw together a gift at the last minute or spend a huge amount of money. But the true art of giving has been lost.

Now, nine years later, the Christmas season means so much more to me. After the hustle of exams and the wrapping up of the semester, Christmas is a time for me to go home and visit with my mom and brothers. Entering a warm house after a long drive and being greeted by barking dogs and loving hugs reminds me what Christmas is all about.

It's a time to share. To love. And to give.

In a society where Christmas is extremely commercialized and the more you spend the more you love, people forget to give from

the heart.

Giving starts with the simplest things. Longs hugs, warm kisses, bright smile, and from there it grows.

Instead of giving a gift. Give your time. Make someone dinner or take a walk with them. Enjoy just being with them.

At a time of year when families come together and friends unite, there are people who don't have the comfort of a warm house or a hearty dinner.

Give to people outside your family and friends. Right here in Holland there are dozens of missions and organizations that you can support. Rummage through your closet and donate those ten outfits you haven't worn in years. Box up can goods and drop them off at the local church.

At Christmas, my mother visits Sam's Club, buys a case of toilet paper and dozens pairs of socks, and ships them off to a shelter. Give practical things. Toothpaste. Shampoo. Soap. Things like these might be part of your everyday life but the simplest things make the biggest difference.

There are twenty more day's till Christmas and before you get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, remember to step back and remember the magic of Christmas. Remember to give.

Ann\* had everything. A college degree. A job in a doctors office. A big house. Furs. Pearls. And money.

She also had a swollen lip and a black eye daily.

Like many women in America, Ann was a victim of domestic violence.

To cope with daily abuse she turned to drugs.

Drugs, however proved to be only a temporary escape from the violence.

Tired of living in fear of the next beating or fiending for the next fix, Ann left everything in search of help.

She was able to find help and support at the Holland City Mission.

Each month, hundreds of people pass through the doorways of the Holland City Mission. Some look for a better life, some just need a place to sort thing out, some need a place to start over and most find what they need at the mission.

"Things got so bad that I couldn't take it and I needed a safe place to go," Ann said. "The mission was there for me."

For people like Ann, it is not money that makes a difference. That means cash strapped students can afford this holiday season.

"We are always in need of people

to help in almost every are," said Mission Director Darryl Bartlett.

By spending time instead of money, students and community members can pocket the proceeds.

Your well spent time will directly affect the lives of people like Ann has been clean since coming to the mission.

"I've been to the bottom and there's no other place for me to go but up," she said.

Staying clean is a daily struggle and for some the help of a friend make that struggle easier.

"People don't understand that when you are trying to stay clean you need to find friends that are clean," Ann said. "If you don't then you go back to your old crowd and to the drugs."

Although the staff has assisted in helping hundreds of people they can not give people all the support they need simply because of their limited space and facilities.

Currently the Holland City Mission is overcrowded and struggling to meet the needs of all the men, women and children coming through their doors.

Last year the mission was housing about 30 people per night. This year that number has doubled.

"Tonight men will be sleeping on the floor because there are no empty beds," Bartlett said.



Holland, MI  
392-4461

**snapshot:** Providing services for people who are less fortunate is the target goal of the Salvation Army. Not just a vintage clothing store, the volunteers help box up canned goods and answer to the call of duty when people are in need.

**this season:** People are needed to escort parents around the toy shop. Canned goods are need to be gathered and packed up for families. People are needed to pack food boxes and set up the toy shop.



Holland, MI  
396-7100

**snapshot:** Caring for elderly people and giving a place for them to hang out is the goal of Evergreen Commons.

**this season:** Christmas Dinner will be held on Dec. 14 & 15. Dishwashers and other kitchen help is needed.

**year-round:** Volunteers are needed to work in the dining rooms and deliver meals to homes. Hanging out with the senior citizens and providing activities for them is another area people are needed in.



**Habitat for Humanity**

Holland, MI  
Dirk Holkeboer, director  
393-8001

**snapshot:** Reconstructing homes and creating a safe place for families to live is the goal of Habitat for Humanity.

**this season:** Volunteers are needed to complete two homes before Christmas so families will have a place to spend the holidays. Dates: Dec. 9 & 16, 8:30-9 a.m.



**Boys  
and  
Girls  
Club**

Holland, MI  
392-4102

**snapshot:** Boys and Girls Club offers a safe environment for children.

**this season:** Christmas Party is a fun night for parents and kids. It will be held on Tues. Dec. 12th 6 p.m.-8:30 at the Holland Civic Center. There will be food, games, popcorn, and a visit from Santa Clause. People are needed to run games, setup, and cleanup.  
**year-round:** Volunteers are needed to work with elementary children for any length of time and in number of composites. Contact: Linda Kiefer 392-410



**Holland Community Hospital**

Holland, MI  
394-3140

**snapshot:** Assisting in the area of trauma and helping people in need, the Holland Hospital lends it's services 24 hours a day.

**year-round:** Pre-med students can volunteer in the emergency room and the outpatient dept. Volunteers are needed to run errands around the hospital and escort patients to test.





## Jerry's Choice

Late head-Dead lives it up with post-mortum picks.

Jerry cheers for what's up and happenin' on campus this next week before break. Check out the A&E winter line-up:

**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
Student choreographed Dance Concert  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m.



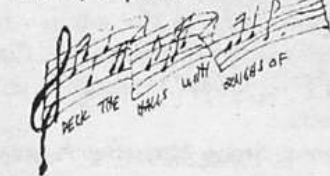
**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
Visiting writer Quincy Troupe with The John Shea Trio  
Knickerbocker Theatre, 7 p.m.  
live music begins at 6:30 p.m.  
reception following at Butch's Dry Dock featuring more live music from The John Shea Trio.



**Friday, Dec. 8**  
Hope College Orchestra's 21st annual Mid-day Christmas

concert  
DeWitt Center @ Kletz  
11:30 a.m.

**Friday & Saturday, Dec. 8 & 9**  
Christmas Madrigal Dinner  
featuring the Collegium Musicum  
Maas, 7 p.m.



**Friday, December 8**  
Craig Karges, Psychic Magician & Mind Reader  
Phelps Dining Area  
starts 9 p.m.

It's that time of the year....

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# Art is young and living in DePree

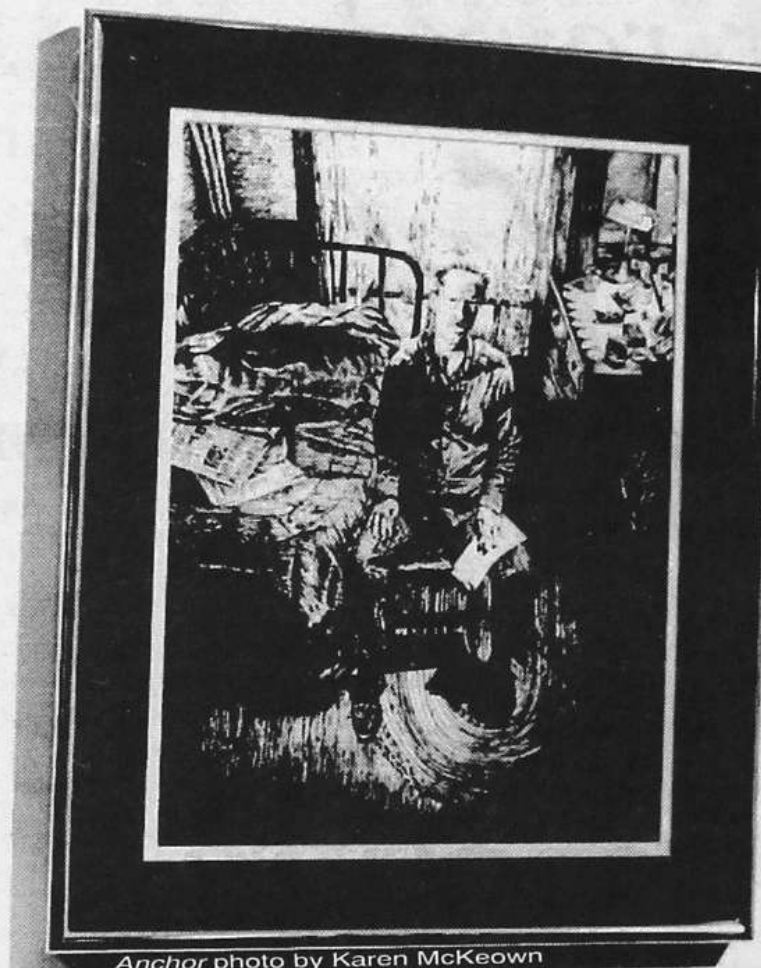
**M. HERWALDT & S. STEVENS** staff reporter and Intermission editor

Students who emerged upon the juried student art show in the DePree Art Gallery on Saturday, Dec. 1, were greeted by a girl with a shaved head urging them to recycle their blue guide checklists. Gripping goblets of fruit punch, they sidled past her, eager to explore the room full of a compilation of 86 student created sculptures, photographs, drawings, paintings and ceramics.

"I think once a year students need time to see what the school's artists are doing," said Heidi Aronsen ('96), whose photography is featured in this year's exhibition. "Otherwise, student artists have the tendency to hole themselves up. The deadline for the judging of the exhibition is very inspirational."

Paintings included an ancient oak tree on a background of dripping pink, as pictured in Sarah Hendrick's ('99) "Grandfather Oak," and abstract squares of Lake Superior rendered by Wade Eldean's ('96) paintbrush, entitled, "Chart 14960 Lake Superior." Andrea Johnson's ('99), untitled pen and ink drawing displayed a forlorn African-American girl with hair in plaits peeking around an American flag.

Scott Hice's ('96) "Manure Spreader" glowed in its steel body painted blue under the gallery lights, while another sculpture of sharpened pencils sticking out of a bed frame by Matt Tailford ('97), welcomed visitors to the gallery lobby.



Anchor photo by Karen McKeown

**BLACK & WHITE MELANCHOLY:** Andrea Johnson's ('99) *Lost Opportunities* portrays a lonely demeanor.

"If an artist's work is picked, it gives them the feeling that someone thought that their piece was worth something," said Deana Rennick ('96), whose sculpture of a hay wave appeared in photograph form in the student show due to the fact that it was burned by vandals last spring, "I'm proud of the work that I put into my sculpture. It looks different in the gallery than when it's in the studio surrounded by sculpture students, machines and things. In the gallery it stands alone and people can take it at face value."

The viewer was met with an

elusive, wide range of photographic experimentation, from Tyson Friday's ('96) yellow-green tinted phallus eruptions in his color photograph of chemically clever "Reaction."

Heidi Aronsen's ('96) stark webbing of phantom light and dark in *Documentation: Deana Rennick's Installation* (with figures) presented a blur of gothic intimacy mied with the rustic formations of branches. Melissa Anderson's ('97) Untitled color photography captured the wild sparkling tentacles of fire, contrasted in night blackness.

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## Tender Marie and squishy mice capture the spirit of Christmas

**M. HERWALDT** staff reporter

Waiting for Hope Repertory Theatre and Hope's Theatre department to begin their annual production of *The Nutcracker* on Saturday night, Dec. 1, was somewhat like observing a small circus.

Children raced down the aisles of DeWitt Theatre, dressed in candy cane tights and Christmas tree neckties, while parents sat on the edge of their seats lest someone slip and crack their head open.

As the lights dimmed and the music blasted, the circus became a quiet audience, excepting a few excited squeals.

The age old story was presented with several new twists from the original folktale, replacing the Mouse King of old with a triumphant Madame Mouserinks and interweaving a complicated sub-plot of a princess's fetish for nuts, and a curse inflicted upon Drosselmeyer's nephew, Christian.

The story revolves around Marie, the child who cherishes the nutcracker toy, and her godfather

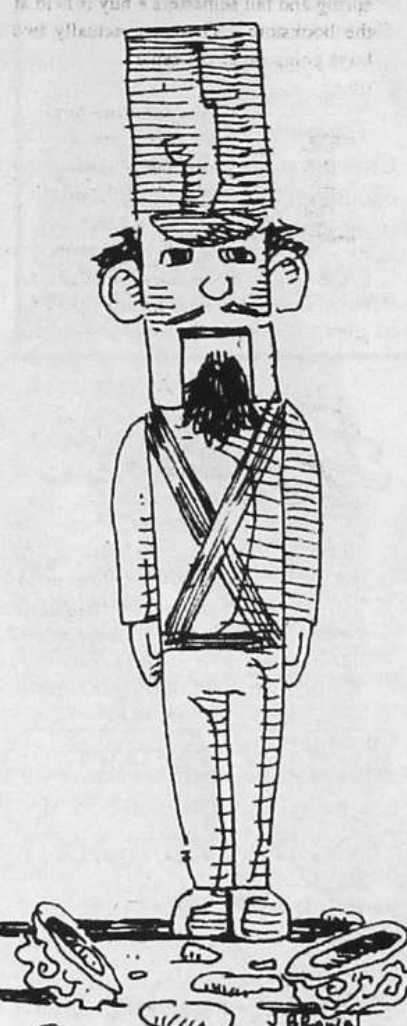
Drosselmeyer, the magical judge who moves through time. Marie is played by Brook Sherrod ('97), a busy actress from Hope's Theatre department who rendered the character, as she always does, with exquisite precision and playfulness. Jim Saba was a quite capable Drosselmeyer.

The most wonderful part of the production, however, was Madame Mouserinks and her clan of mice. The costumes were larger-than-life, and hilarious. The mice waddled on stage in gray, jiggly mounds beneath red, glowing eyes.

The more they moved, the more they jiggled. The more they jiggled, the more infectious laughter echoed in the audience.

Sure, the mice are supposed to be villains, and they were, laughing devilishly at Drosselmeyer in chains, but, as the toddler giggling along with them in the second row knew, sometimes the villains are the most interesting.

It was satisfying, of course, to see Christian slay Madame Mouserinks. And yet-Christian was not near as deliciously squishy.



**MUSES AND MAZURKAS**  
Suffjan Stevens



"What he is, all that he is, amid the outcries in the dark and the renderings, is a nothing possessed of a terrible self-knowledge."

—Wendell Berry, *Remembering*

We are parades of flesh and clothing walking steadfast and doggedly on cemented sidewalks through campus. We are legalists administering our activities by the standards of pre-determined schedules etched feverishly in paper daily planners. We are masters of dietary convenience, maneuvering mindlessly through lines of food and trays and tables at Phelps.

We have class and work and study time and drinking time and party time, and then we saunter into the dismal vacuum of thoughtless sleep, where we suckle our obliviousness and strangle rejuvenation in an effort to recompense for lost time. We howl at our machinery, our science, our systematic and definite procedures of calculation. We study math, science, economics and political science in speculative trances. We are tested over memory-information with calculative examination.

We are no longer instinctive, rustic, organic or honest. We exist in the artificial shell of drop ceilings, florescent lights, cinderblock walls, plastic shoes and nylon. We buy artificial Christmas trees and plastic candy canes; we worship television, fiberglass automobiles, computer animation.

But where is the phenomenon of meditative thought, the miracle of calm observation, the awe of simple existence.

This is not honest human existence; this is the brutality of 20th century calculative thought which is determined and aggressive in its calloused, dehumanizing persistence toward collection and possession. We have lost the pith of our existence, we have sacrificed our sense of astonishment and awful appreciation of grass and root and leaf and finger and palm and face.

Modern economic thought reduces humans to mere objects manipulated in deterministic laws; we can deduce human action by causal laws and scientific measurements; we ponder our opulence and wander aggressively toward efficiency, productivity, and possession.

This sense of dominance undermines the substance of all things sacred, aesthetic, pure, organic and authentic.

We have dismissed the awe of shadows, the wonder of light, the immensity of tree and branch, the nativity of the human spirit.

I emphasize the embracing of body electric, the meditation of foot, the quiet surveillance of landscape. Meander from the cold of cement, eat untimely grass for lunch, burn the pages of your daily planner and dance in the shadows of its flame.



## ART from 8

The variety of color, style, medium and energy represented in this year's student show gave a rare insight into the mind's of Hope's student artists.

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# ALL ABOUT BOOK BUY BACK



For most college freshmen, the end of the Fall semester is the first experience they will have with book buy-back at the Bookstore. Many students come from high schools where books were either loaned free or rented for a small fee and they have become accustomed to returning all of their books at the end of each semester. This is not the case in college, where books are purchased outright by the student and resale values are determined by a variety of market conditions. For the uninitiated this can sometimes be a rude realization.

What follows are some of the typical questions we get every year about book buy-back with some answers that we hope will increase your understanding of how the system works.

### WHAT IS BOOK BUY-BACK?

Book buy-back is an opportunity for students to recover some of the money they have spent for course books they do not wish to keep in their personal libraries. This process recycles books from those wishing to sell to those wishing to buy and allows the bookstore to offer used books as well as new ones. Over half the titles used at Hope are reused at some other time, but with new editions, changing titles and gaps between the times a course is offered, students can more likely expect to sell back about 25% of their books at the end of the term.

### HOW DOES BUY-BACK WORK?

During the last two weeks of the spring and fall semesters a buy is held at the bookstore. There are actually two buys going on at the same time.

**1.**

First the store buys books that are being used the following semester at Hope at 55% of the purchase price. The quantities bought are sometimes limited by projected class enrollments and the number of books the store already has on hand.

**2.**

The second buy is done for Follett College Book Co. of Chicago and the prices paid are their established wholesale prices. In general, these prices range between 10% and 30% of the current selling price. The bookstore does not encourage students to sell books in this manner unless there seems to be no indication that the book will be used again at Hope.

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### WHY WON'T THE BOOKSTORE BUY ALL MY BOOKS?

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1. The professor has not yet submitted a book order.
2. The book is not being used the following term at Hope. It is a good idea to try again at the next buy-back before selling to the used book company.
3. The professor has changed books because something better has become available. The bookstore no longer needs the book but it may be bought for the used book company.

Follett College Book Company lists thousands of textbooks which they will buy, but even they do not buy everything. For example, novels and religious titles are almost never listed. Also, when a new edition appears the old edition has no value even to the used book company.

There is never a guarantee that textbooks purchased by students will be used again by any instructor anywhere in the country. Students should not buy books with the expectation of reselling every one -- that happens in very few cases. The real value of a book is obtained by studying it carefully and if it can be resold when no longer needed then that is an extra bonus.

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# Hoopsters hit century mark in rout

**GLYN WILLIAMS**  
staff reporter

Minor setbacks are a big part of life and an even bigger part of sports.

After a single loss, it is important not to dwell on the momentary step backwards and move on to greener pastures, bluer skies, and smiles on fan's faces that could light up a tunnel.

The Hope College men's basketball team has done just that as they have gone convincingly undefeated since losing their season opener to the superior Bethel College of Indiana. The Dutchmen have so far proved their high rankings by such touted magazines as *Sports Illustrated*.

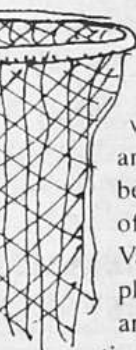
The latest opponent to confront the Dutchmen with an optimistic outlook was Concordia College last weekend at the Civic Center. The Dutchmen defeated Concordia with ease, 107-53, making their record 4-1 with just seven games left to play until the MIAA season opens on January 6. The game was the second time Hope has scored over 100 points this season.

With a halftime score of 50-28, coach Glenn Van Wieren and his

corps of hoopsters always felt in control of the game.

"At no point did I really think that Concordia would come out with the win," Van Wieren said. "I think part of that comes with playing at home and in front of the home crowd. That gives you a sort of confidence unmatched by anything."

Starting point guard Kevin Brintnell ('96) and off-guard Joel Holstege ('98) did an outstanding job on defense, smothering the Cougar guards, and not allowing a single kudo. Brintnell limited his



opponents to one point and forced six turnovers, while Holstege shut-down at the Cougar off-guard, allowing him to make five points, no assists, and five turnovers.

"Our defense as a whole is getting stronger and that is leading to a better and more confident offense and vice-versa," Van Wieren said. "I am pleased with our defense and the effort we are putting out."

Duane Bosma ('96) earned MIAA player of the week honors by leading all scorers with 23 points, and Tom Gortsema ('97)

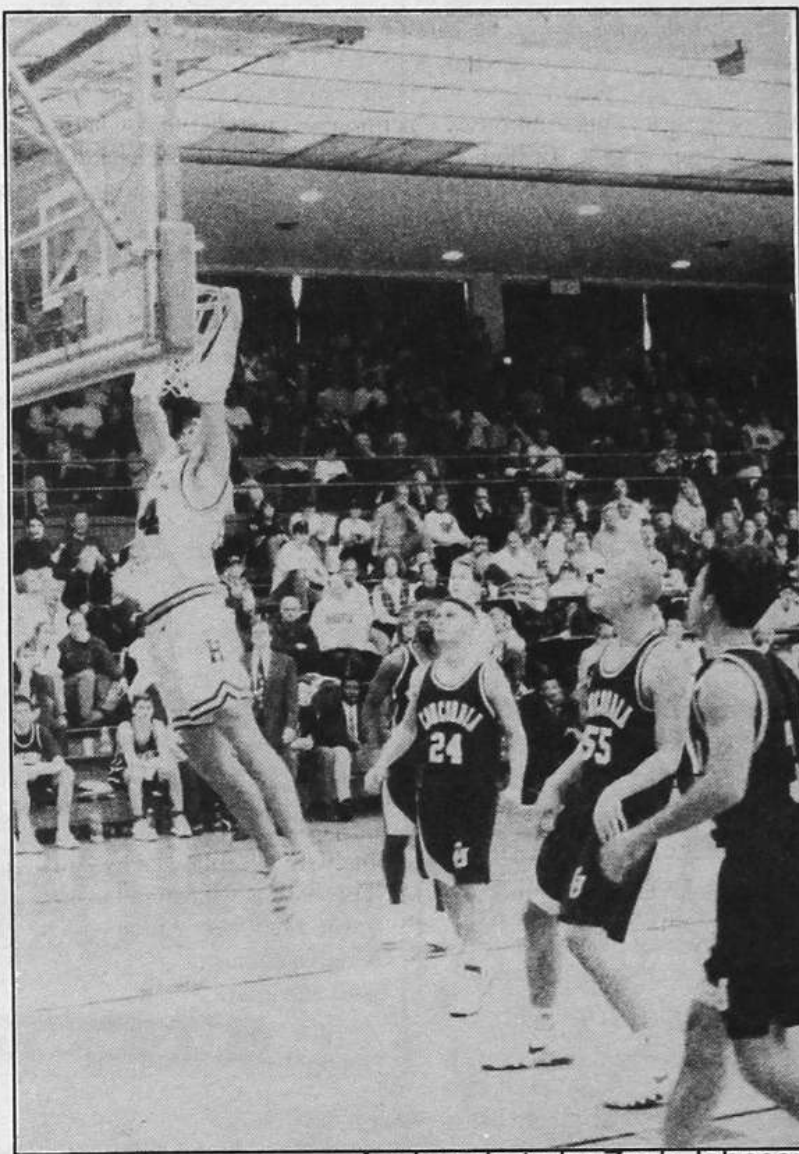
added a stunning 15 points off the bench for the Dutchmen. Adding 12 points apiece were Holstege, Kris Merritt ('98), Pat Stegeman ('99) and Jason VanderWoude ('97).

"Our scoring has been very balanced and nice off the bench," Van Wieren said. "The methodical execution of our defense has led to a far better offense. The steals and blocked shots has led to fast breaks and easy points."

Eleven Hope players scored a basket, and every Dutchmen riding the pine played at least 14 minutes. "Some of that had to do with the large margin of victory," said Van Wieren. "But all season long I have been working it around, mixing up the players and allowing a lot of players to have some play time. We have a lot of depth and I intend to take advantage of that. Every player this season has played a significant amount."

The next small step in the Dutchmen's ladder to the NCAA Division III tournament is the Russ Devette Classic tournament to be played at the Civic Center on Dec. 8-9. For the first game of the tournament, Hope will face Aurora College of Illinois. The Dutchmen's opponent for Saturday will depend on the outcome of the game between Cornerstone and Aquinas College that will be played earlier

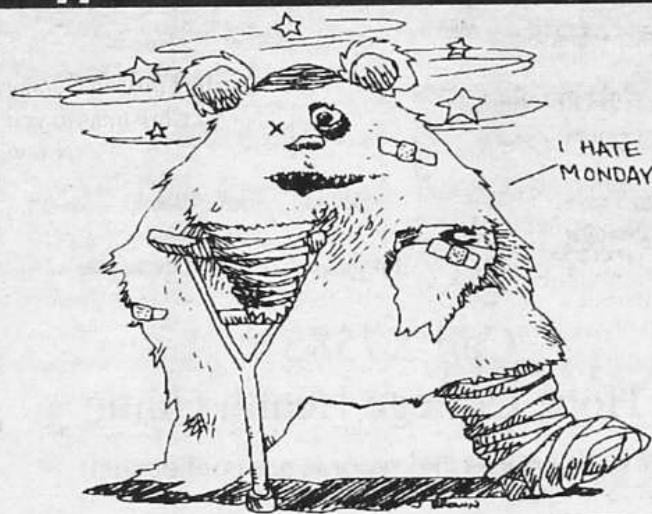
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**COME FLY WITH ME: Duane Bosma ('96) knives through the Concordia defense to the basket.**

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Hope's computing technology would make an even greater advance if a proposed idea of a "technology fee" is adopted.

"Many schools already have a technology fee added to the tuition," Anderson said. "Such a fee would allow Hope to do things more quickly than under the current financial structure."

According to Anderson, the fee would be about \$100 per student, bringing in an additional \$250,000 a year.

"The fee could, in essence, double what we are spending now, significantly enhancing opportunity," Anderson said.

Such funds would aim to increase the "connectivity" of Hope's computers. "More and more students will be bringing their own computers to campus and the College wants to provide them with an easier way to access the Internet," Anderson said. This would involve wiring individual rooms which "would take some time even with the money," Anderson said. The new Cook residence hall under construction will be wired for such easy access.

Students who would oppose such a technology fee don't have to take up arms yet.

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# Swimmers get high marks at Wheaton

**B. HOLLENBECK**  
staff reporter

The swim teams piled on buses and took their nationally ranked show on the road to the Wheaton Invitational. The competition was stiff with eight teams competing on both sides.

Both the men's and women's swim teams finished strong at last Saturday's Wheaton Invitation in Wheaton, Illinois.

The women's team finished in first place while the men took second behind the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, a Division I

school.

"It was a team effort," said Denise Masselink ('96), "the competition was tougher than what we go up against in our league, and we did well for this point in the season."

The meet was also significant because Megan Hunter ('97) and Kristen Hoving ('96) made A cuts with their times, which qualified them for national competition.

"My goal was to qualify for nationals, so I was very pleased with my performance," Hunter said.

Melissa Thiel ('97) and Lindy Chelf ('97) also performed well;

both made B cuts, which is consideration for participation in nationals.

For the men, Keith Nykamp ('96) also received consideration for nationals after making the B cut.

A total of eight schools were present at the two day meet, and Albion was the only MIAA conference school in attendance. With eight teams there is more of a balance," said coach John Patnott. "There were a good variety of swimmers from Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin at this invitational."

Not as much emphasis was placed on point totals for this event,

and instead, both the men's and women's teams concentrated on making good times and creating a sense of team unity. This invitation helps us to gauge where we are and see what we need to work on for the rest of the season. It is also a really fun meet that lets us bond as a team," said Aaron Hoffman ('96).

If the Wheaton Invitational was a good gauge of the upcoming season, the Hope College teams can look forward to a lot of success in the MIAA race. The swimmers move on to face Grand Valley State University this Friday at 5 p.m. at Grand Valley.

## Streak continues with fourth defeat

**GLYN WILLIAMS**  
staff reporter

Perhaps the Dutch are uncomfortable at home in front of their own crowd.

Maybe they don't play well outside of the MIAA.

Or it could be the absence of star forward guard Shelly Kuyers ('96) who is out until possibly early February.

For whatever reason, the defending MIAA champion Hope College women's basketball team has not been able to win a game yet this season, and it only gets tougher from here on out, as the team has yet to play a game away from the comfort of the Dow Center.

The 0-4 Dutch have only seven games left to play before the MIAA season starts on January 6 at home against Alma College.

This past weekend Hope hosted their annual Tipoff Tournament in the Dow and failed to come away with single victory, as the Dutch were smoked by Trinity Christian 57-48 on Friday night, and then lost to Wittenberg 82-75 in the consolation game.

To open the tournament the docile Dutch demonstrated their ability to win with an amazing first half against Trinity Christian that showed Hope hitting everything but the lights. The Dutch were ahead at halftime for the first time this season, 32-28.

The second half was a shadow of the first, as the Dutch could not connect on anything, whether it be an easy layup, or an outside jumper. Hope made four out of 22 field goals, and seven free throws to dwindle away offensively. The three point shot was still not much of an option for Hope, as they hit only five out of 21 shots from the spot where the grass is definitely greener.

"It wasn't so much that they stepped up on defense," Coach Tod Gugino said glumly.

"We merely checked out on offense. With the three point shots we got the good looks at the basket but they still were just not falling. But they will. Just give it time, the three point shots will drop for us sooner

or later."

Dana Smith ('96) led Hope in scoring with 12, followed by Amy Meyers ('97) and Johanna LaGore ('98) who both scored nine points in the failed contest.

The consolation game was a tougher loss, as Hope dominated in all but the final score. According to Gugino, Wittenberg is a normally outstanding rebounding team, but despite this fact, the Dutch cleaned up the boards 51-29.

"That was a good thing," Gugino said. "We feel good about that and we think that if we keep that up we will win."

The final score does not reveal the truth of the game, as Hope was down by only four with a minute to play in the game, and the Dutch was forced to foul.

"When you get to that point all you can do is hope for the best," Gugino said.

At halftime Hope trailed 38-31.

The weekend tournament marked the return of Tara Porter ('98), Dori Freeland ('98), and Danielle Hop ('97) and they made their presence felt. While starting point guard Porter and backup forward Hop made their presence felt non-statistically, Freeland had a marvelous game off the bench on Saturday, scoring 11 points for the Dutch in 24 minutes of play time.

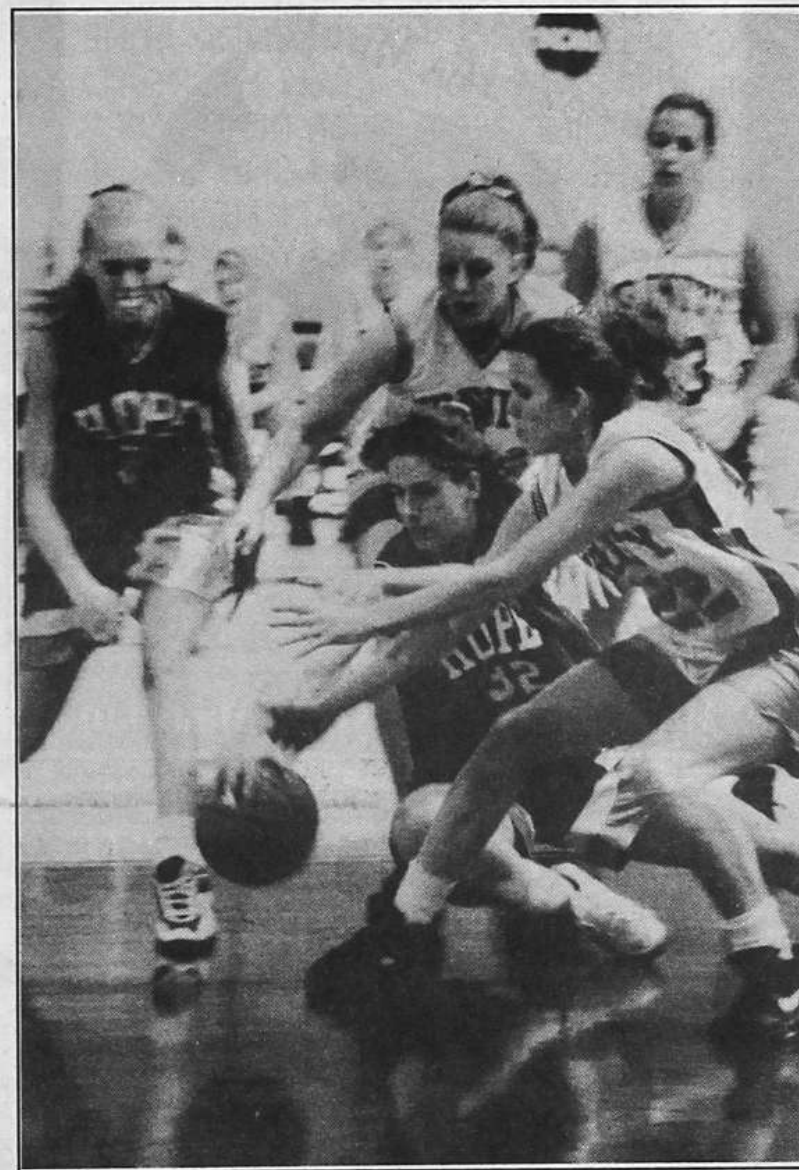
"(Hop) provided us with quality bench leadership and showed great defensive skills out there," said Gugino. "She played awesome in those little categories that really don't show up in the box score."

Lisa Timmer ('97) came back strong after being in foul trouble on Friday night and scored 15 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Kari Nysse ('96) had 20 points and four rebounds against Wittenberg.

Next up for the hapless Hope womens basketball team will be a trip to Aquinas College on Thursday, December 7, where the Dutch will face an extremely mean team. "They are aggressive," said Gugino.

"Very physical team is Aquinas. Their best players have the inside moves. Very strong, rough, and aggressive. We will have our hands full with their inside game."



Anchor photo by Jill Fischer

**RUMBLIN', BUMBLIN', STUMBLIN':** Kari Nysse ('96) grapples in a crowd for a loose ball against Trinity.

### JUMP from 10

that night.

"Anyone has a chance in the tournament but I think we are favored simply on the basis that it is our home court," Van Wieren said. "I enjoy the tournament because of its tribute to a great stalwart for Division III basketball."

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. at the Dow Center will be the Dew Crew study break extravaganza where the new Dew Crew t-shirts will be handed out.

Music will be played and local merchants have donated many products for door prizes and the like.

"I am really excited for the gala and it should be an extremely joyous event," Van Wieren said "We have boxes of hundreds of Dew Crew shirts. It should be real fun for the fans, players, and the coaches all."

## Cosby's Pick of the Week

Merry Christmas, it may be a little early but this is the last time we will get to chat before, darn I say it, next semester. I have decided to do a something slightly different, a break from the norm if you will. Instead of my standard pick of the week, I shall make picks for the rest of the year. The Big Ten will sweep all its bowl games, and Nebraska will win the National Championship. I feel good about these picks I can't go wrong with my last picks of 1995.

I feel so sad. This year has gone so fast and the fact that I only got one pick right so far I am kind of down. But I never claimed to be a prophet, just a lover of pudding.

It will be a special Christmas at the Huxtable household. None other than Chet Lemon will be coming over for dinner. That will be special because who wouldn't want the best center fielder to ever play the game to come over for a feast fit for a medevil secular ruler from Gaul.

Claire is stressing about what to get me for Christmas, I told her what I tell year every year that she doesn't have to get me anything! But she told me that wasn't an option so what am I to do?

She told me the same thing, but I already got her a new brief case to do all her fancy lawyer business from. Maybe she'll get me a pet bird.

I still miss Charlie, who I sat on and killed when I was a young boy. Poor Charlie I miss that crazy character. Merry Christmas to you all and a happy New Year. It will be 1996, where the last fifty years gone?



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Merry Christmas to our friends and good luck on your exams! Don't get too stressed, we know you can do it!! love Kim and Renee

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Lil'G & Kyley -Thanks for letting me share "Date" this weekend. You're super. Big "WOW" -Grans

To all those who attended Jr./Sr. X-mas party...Thanks for a good time! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! OTB-Monika, Kelly, Jenn, Greta, Jen, & Becky

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